ALL ABOARD

With G. E. Mortimore

IS the United States waging two cold wars at the same time—one against Russia, the other against America's allies?

Canada has junked its plans to build the Avro Arrow plane—chiefly because the United States wouldn't buy it. Canada will buy made-in-America missiles instead.

The Canadian market is too small to pay for production of such a costly plane. Without American orders, the Arrow would be too heavy a burden on Canadian taxpayers.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker says that the United States has decided not to go on developing or producing aircraft with "the same general performance as the Arrow. The development of interceptor aircraft that now is proceeding in the United States and abroad is along different lines."

The prime minister must believe this. But is it the real explanation?

Is the Arrow really being junked because it isn't good enough, because it is obsolete? Or is it being abandoned because the United States aircraft makers don't want Canadian competition?

I don't know the answers to these questions. But I would like to know, and so would many other Canadians, I think. Thousands of Canadian aircraft workers have been thrown out of work. Many of them will go to the United States and will be lost to their own country.

A hole will be knocked in the economy of the region where the Avro plant is.

Maybe the sacrifice was in a good cause. On the other hand, the Arrow could be a victim of another squeeze play by the America First gang.

I'd like to hear the whole Arrow story, minus foggy diplomatic talk and face-saving gobbledygook.

Was the Arrow abandoned because it wasn't suitable, or because certain people in the United States want to freeze Canadian defence industry out?

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Recently the United States turned down British bids to supply large orders of machinery for a federal project. The British tenders were far below the prices offered by any American firm. But American firms got the orders, in the interests of "defence security."

That is double-talk, meaning "buy American, and to heck with foreigners."

More recently—following protests from Britain—there has been an opposite decision. Uncle Sam placed a $12,000,000 order for a British generator to be used by the Tennessee Valley Authority. This was $5,000,000 below the nearest American tender.

It remains to be seen whether the America First lobby will be able to steer the policy-makers back into the path of commercial isolationism.

People who draw attention to attempts by American special interests to freeze out foreign trade, are sometimes accused of being part of a Red conspiracy, saboteurs driving wedges between America and her allies.

However in the past the Communists have not needed to waste their energy in such a way, because Americans themselves have tried bravely to split the alliance without anyone's help. Perhaps they know better now. But I would still like to hear more about the Arrow.

Time Moves On

Timepiece eyed by thousands of Vancouver Island Coach Lines' passengers for many years was moved yesterday from former Broughton Street location to firm's new headquarters in Black Ball building, 814 Wharf Street. Holding the old clock is pretty switchboard operator Muriel Holgate, 1550 McRae. —(Colonist photo)

Arrow Project Junked 13,000 Out of Work

OTTAWA (CP) — The government has junked the Arrow.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced in the Commons Friday that the six-year program to develop the supersonic interceptor and its power plant, the Iroquois engine, is being terminated immediately. By the time the cancellation fee is paid, the program will have cost the public treasury about $500,000,000.

A. V. Roe (Canada) Ltd. announced that notice of termination of employment will be handed at once to 13,000 employees of Avro Aircraft Limited, builder of the Arrow, and 5,000 workers at Orenda Engines Limited, builder of the Iroquois. Both are subsidiaries of A. V. Roe.

NUCLEAR-ARMED

Mr. Diefenbaker also announced that Canada's armed forces will eventually be armed with American nuclear weapons — though the atomic warheads will remain in United States custody.

Neither Opposition Leader Pearson nor CCF House Leader Hazen Argue criticized the government's decision on the Arrow. Both emphasized the need for co-operation with the U.S. in the field of defence production and Mr. Argue said Canada should play a part in research of outer space.

FURTHER STUDIES

The prime minister said Defence Minister Pearkes and the chiefs of staff now are "engaged in further studies of the various alternatives for the improvement of our defences."

However, he added that the CF-100 jet "is still an effective weapon" against the present bomber threat.

An industry source in close touch with the situation said the government's announcement will mean the end of Orenda Engines Ltd., the company which produced the power plant for the CF-100 and the Sabre jet fighter.

FLYING SAUCER

Avro Aircraft is working on development of a "flying saucer" for the U.S. Army and may be able to continue in operation.

Mr. Diefenbaker didn't provide any hope that Avro or Orenda will get orders to replace the cancelled aircraft and engine.

"Frankness demands that I advise that at present there is no other work that the government can assign immediately to the companies," he said.

The industry source said Avro's 2,500 scientists, engineers and technicians will be able to find work easily—in the U.S. But the outlook was gloomy for the other company workers.

Thirty-seven Arrow prototypes were on order and five have flown with an American engine as the power plant.

Mr. Diefenbaker said 100 Arrows would have cost about $780,000,000 on top of the $303,000,000 expended up to last September.

The RCAF drew up its Arrow plans in 1952 and the first contract was let to Avro the following year. The plane was unveiled Oct. 4 1957—the same day that the Russians put the first man-made earth satellite in orbit — and first flew in March, 1958.

Balloon Sale Bursts

Sale of Victoria's 64 infamous balloons collapsed yesterday before getting off the ground because of "unfavorable" publicity. But the Greater Victoria centennial committee has other prospects.

A telegram cancelling the sale was received by Ald. Geoffrey Edgelow, committee chairman, from authorities at Granby, Que.

"We have a copy of a letter on file, sent to Granby, explaining that we had a lot of trouble with the balloons leaking," he said. "They knew stronger bladders would have to be bought. We told them. But when they saw a Canadian Press story about them in a Montreal paper they stopped the order."

He said the balloons will definitely be sold either in Seattle, Tacoma or England, "but the next time there will be no press release."

Manslaughter Hearing Ends

Adam Reisch, Veyaness Road, Central Saanich, was remanded to Monday for committal at the conclusion yesterday of preliminary hearing on a charge of manslaughter.

Final witness was a ballistics expert from RCMP crime laboratory, Regina, who said that the bullet which killed Arie Schut, 6, while the boy was playing near Reisch's property last December, "probably" came from accused's gun.

Newfoundland Strikers

Loggers Arrested In Dawn Roundup

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—RCMP said Friday night charges have been laid against 18 loggers following dawn raids on western Newfoundland camps of Bowater's pulp and paper mills.

Officials said "more arrests will follow."

The 18 have been charged with assault and intimidation.

It had not been determined whether the men are members of the IWA, on strike against the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Co. in Grand Falls since Dec. 31.

About 450 loggers employed by contractors working for Bowaters have refused to work since the Anglo-Newfoundland strike started.

Earlier, the two companies said they would close rather than submit to the IWA.

The companies said they will never sign working agreements with the IWA, and "do not intend to allow the IWA to further endanger the economy of the industry."

Ice Show Gets Help

Canadian Figure Skating Association has waived its customary four per cent of gross receipts on ice shows staged by member organizations to help swell proceeds of the "Ice Arama" at the Memorial Arena.

Dr. Roy Johnson, president of the Victoria Figure Skating Club, said the move was the first of its kind to his knowledge. He said he hoped the city council would also approve an arena commission recommendation for a $1,250 grant to help put the show over the top.

Proceeds are earmarked for a Jaycee-sponsored ice skating area near the arena.

The "Ice Arama" will be staged starting at 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, with all seats priced at $1 and tickets available from MacDonald's Furniture and Appliance Ltd., Hudson's Bay Co., Hocking and Forbes Sporting Goods Ltd, and the arena.

Just Simple Stone On Mike's Grave

CHICAGO (UPI)—A simple brown marble stone—and not a giant Oscar—will mark showman Mike Todd's grave.

Todd's brother, David Goldbogen, said yesterday the stone only will bear the inscription "Avrom Hirsch Goldbogen (Michael Todd)."

Goldbogen said plans for the two-ton replica of the Oscar statuette had been abandoned.

"We were forced to give them up," he said, "so I decided on a simple stone to match the marker on our father's grave next to Mike's and to spare Mike's son and Mike's widow (Elizabeth Taylor) any embarrassment."

The stone will be dedicated March 22, first anniversary of Todd's death in a plane crash.

Sea Lion Protest 'Humane Trend'

A "good, new trend in humane feeling" has been shown by Greater Victorians since the killing of a 2,000-pound bull sea lion in Brentwood Bay Tuesday.

Dr. Clifford Carl, director of the Provincial Museum, said yesterday the "hue and cry" by the public protesting the kill evinces an "interesting" change of attitude.

Growth of feeling against "unnecessary killings" has been noticeable since he started working at the museum in 1940, Dr. Carl said.

"People now are more interested in seeing live animals than dead," he said. "Another indication is the number of former hunters who now hunt with a camera."

Dr. Carl said "at a glance" the stomach of the sea lion seemed to contain herring and dogfish. The contents are being sent to the Nanaimo federal biological station where research is being conducted into the food and eating habits of sea-lions.

Fishermen charge the sea lions are salmon killers.

Home Subsidy Raises Doubts

OTTAWA (CP)—Some serious doubts about subsidized rental housing schemes were voiced in the Commons Friday by Works Minister Green.

In some cases, subsidized low-rental projects are necessary, said Mr. Green, responsible for federal housing policy.

But they should be the exception rather than the rule "because when you get into the field of widespread subsidization of rented accommodation, it seems to me there is a very thin line between the family that gets the accommodation and the benefit of the subsidy, and the family that has to pay for it."

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He said he has been asked to approve low-rental projects for families with $6,000 annual incomes.

"When you see that, you have second thoughts."

The Commons passed a preliminary resolution for a bill which would boost to $1,000,000,000 from $750,000,000 the amount made available to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for direct mortgage loans.

The House also debated a resolution to boost to $350,000,000 the amount the government may contribute towards the Trans-Canada Highway. The present maximum is $250,000,000.

Mr. Green said that by the end of the next construction season 85 per cent of the 4,470-mile highway will be paved.

At present, the federal government is over-committed by $27,500,000.

Frank Howard (CCF—Skeena) said a new formula for cost-sharing should cover such factors as high costs in mountainous B.C., ability of poorer provinces to pay and mileage differences between provinces like Ontario with 1,436 miles and P.E.I. with 71.

Victorians 'Lonely, Desperate'

Many Victorians are "desperate, lonely people," Mrs. Joe Lee, 123 Moss, organizer of the Fownhope Club for the lonely, said last night.

She said Victoria citizens should learn to "love thy neighbor as thyself" and help ease the loneliness of others.

Her club for the lonely started as a pen pal club last September, she said, but response was so great and the need so evident she decided to set up a get-together club instead.

Membership is open to all ages, she said, "as long as they are well-behaved."

Present membership of 65 will hold a movie showing and dance at 8 p.m. tonight in the lower Moose Hall, 520 Fort.

Ship Calendar

Four-Month Refit at Dockyard Slated for Destroyer Escort

HMCS Ottawa, first of four destroyer escorts transferred here from the Atlantic fleet, will not be recommissioned for four months as a unit of Pacific Command.

Naval authorities announced yesterday that Ottawa will undergo an extensive refit starting March 16. The job will be done by personnel of HMC Dockyard; no structural changes are involved.

Second "transfer" ship, HMCS Assiniboine, is due here March 20. Capt. J. C. Pratt took over command yesterday when crews transferred at San Diego between Assiniboine and HMCS Crescent.

Crescent has sailed for Halifax.

In a farewell message flashed to the Crescent, Rear-Admiral H. S. Rayner said that, in the years of diversified service in this command since 1945, the ship has always upheld the highest traditions of the RCN.

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Canadian National Railways tugboat CN-2 has gone on the ways at Victoria Machinery Depot's Bay Street plant for repairs expected to take about a week.

She was purchased from the British Admiralty after the First World War. At that time, the tugboat held the world's record for the longest tow, from Capetown to the U.K., a distance of some 8,000 miles. On this coast she has remained in the barge and ferry service between Victoria and Port Mann on the Fraser River.

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Merchant shipping in Island ports includes the sister ships Ellen Bakke and John Bakke, Stromboli, Hai Yu, Victoria; King Charles and Island Skipper, Nanaimo; Lagos Ontario and Rondo, Tahsis; Fred Christensen and Rolv Jarl, Alberni.

SOUTHERN SETTLEMENT

First permanent white settlement at Amherstburg, Ont., 15 miles south of Windsor, began in 1784.

The Weather

February 21, 1959

Mainly cloudy, with rain beginning in the evening. Little change in temperature. Winds northeast 15 increasing to easterly 20 in the afternoon. Precipitation Friday, nil. Sunshine, 7 hours, 18 minutes. Sunday outlook, cloudy with widely scattered showers.

Recorded Temperatures

High ..... 50 Low 39

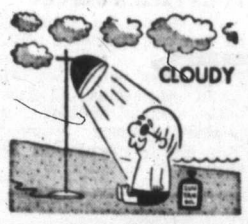
Forecast Temperatures

High ..... 47 Low 37

Sunrise .. 7.15 Sunset .. 5.42

East Coast of Vancouver Island—Clouding over in the morning, with rain beginning in the evening. Little change in temperature. Light winds becoming southeast 20 in Georgia Strait in the afternoon. High and low at Nanaimo, 46 and 35. Sunday outlook, cloudy with a few showers.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Cloudy, with rain beginning over the northern half in the afternoon and over the southern half in the evening. Little change in temperature.



Southeast winds 15 increasing to 20 in the afternoon. High and low at Estevan Point, 48 and 40. Sunday outlook, showers.

TEMPERATURES

	Min.	Max.	Precip.
St. John's	18	33	.14
Montreal	-13	3	--
Ottawa	-16	10	--
Toronto	- 3	12	Trace
North Bay	-19	5	--
Port Arthur	-24	24	--
Kenora	- 8	25	--
Winnipeg	- 4	25	--
Brandon	- 1	29	--
The Pas	3	29	--
Regina	- 7	21	--
Saskatoon	- 6	19	--
Prince Albert	-11	24	--
North Battleford	- 5	18	--
Swift Current	3	24	--
Medicine Hat	-10	22	--
Lethbridge	3	38	--
Calgary	2	36	--
Edmonton	1	36	--
Kimberley	9	27	--
Crescent Valley	19	42	--
Kaslo	23	39	--
Grand Forks	17	39	--
Kamloops	18	39	--
Penticton	26	33	.03
Vancouver	40	47	.04
Prince Rupert	31	43	--
Prince George	-12	29	--
Whitehorse	8	23	--
Seattle	40	56	--
Portland	35	50	--
San Francisco	47	54	.51
Los Angeles	50	64	--
Spokane	29	41	--
Chicago	- 1	21	--
New York	9	39	--

TIDES AT VICTORIA
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
21	04.44	7.8	07.31	7.3	12.24	8.6	20.04	2.3
22	05.41	7.7	08.12	6.7	13.19	8.5	20.40	2.3
23	03.34	7.9	08.56	6.1	14.12	8.4	21.16	2.6
24	03.57	8.2	09.41	5.4	15.08	8.1	21.54	3.1
25	04.26	8.4	10.31	4.8	16.08	7.7	22.32	3.8
26	05.00	8.6	11.22	4.2	17.12	7.3	23.12	4.6
27	05.36	8.8	12.16	3.7	18.25	6.9	23.54	5.4
28	06.14	8.9	13.15	3.2	21.30	6.6		
March								
1	00.31	6.2	06.53	8.9	14.19	2.9	22.38	7.0
2	01.05	6.9	07.35	8.9	15.26	2.7		
3	08.25	8.7	16.35	2.6				
4	08.38	8.6	17.35	2.5				
5	00.19	7.9	05.46	7.5	10.52	8.4	18.28	2.5

TIDES AT FULFORD HARBOUR
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
21	04.45	11.1	09.52	8.7	14.31	10.3	21.39	3.0
22	05.10	11.3	10.29	8.1	15.28	10.4	22.18	3.1
23	05.36	11.5	11.07	7.4	16.27	10.3	22.59	3.3
24	06.02	11.6	11.50	6.6	17.27	10.2	23.38	4.1
25	06.31	11.6	12.34	5.8	18.30	10.1		
26	00.20	5.0	07.03	11.7	13.20	5.0	19.38	9.9
27	01.04	5.1	07.32	11.6	14.11	4.4	20.54	9.7
28	01.52	7.2	08.06	11.4	15.07	3.9	22.28	9.7
March								
1	02.46	8.2	08.41	11.2	16.07	3.6		
2	00.02	9.8	04.04	9.0	09.21	10.8	17.10	3.3
3	01.33	10.[illegible]	05.41	9.4	10.15	10.5	18.13	3.2
4	02.38	10.6	07.17	9.3	11.22	10.1	19.15	3.1
5	03.25	10.9	08.29	8.9	12.43	9.8	20.10	3.2
19	02.41	9.8	07.11	9.2	09.50	6.7	16.10	6.2
20	04.21	10.9	09.15	8.1	13.27	10.2	20.37	3.1

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